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SUBJ: SITUATION IN NORTHEAST AFRICA - GHANA'S VIEWS

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1. POL OFF RAISED QUESTIONS OUTLINED REFTL ON FEB 18 WITH B.G. GODWYLL, DIRECTOR, OAU DIV., MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) AND J. ADUSEL, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, EUROPE AND AMERICAS DIV., MFA. THEY SKETCHED GOG THINKING AS FOLLOWS:

2. LIKE US, GHANA IS ALSO DISTURBED BY RECENT EVENTS IN HORN OF AFRICA. HOWEVER, IT STRONGLY SUPPORTS OAU CONCERN FOR TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF AFRICAN STATES. FOR THIS REASON, IT WILL NOT RPT NOT TAKE SIDES IN EITHER ETHIOPIA/SUDAN OR ETHIOPIA/SOMALI DISPUTE. IT DOES NOT RPT NOT SYMPATHIZE WITH CAUSE OF ERITREAN INSURGENTS. HAVING ITS OWN TERRITORIAL PROBLEMS WITH TOGO (OVER VOLTA REGION, CLAIMED BY GOT), GHANA DOES NOT WISH TO SUPPORT INTERNAL DISSENSION IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

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3. DJIBOUTI: GHANA BELIEVES PEOPLE OF THIS AREA SHOULD BE ALLOWED FREELY TO DETERMINE KIND OF INDEPENDENCE THEY WANT. FOREIGN INTERVENTION HAS COMPOUNDED PROBLEM. FRENCH HAVE PLAYED PARTIES OFF AGAINST EACH OTHER. GHANA HAS GOOD RELATIONS WITH BOTH ETHIOPIA AND SOMALIA. IT BELIEVES ISSUE SHOULD BE SETTLED PEACEFULLY AND WITHOUT FOREIGN INTERFERENCE. NEIGHBORING STATES

SHOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE GUARANTEES OF DJIBOUTI'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND INDEPENDENCE.

4. US MILITARY AID TO ETHIOPIA: GODWYLL SAID HE PREFERRED TO REMAIN NON-COMMITTAL. HOWEVER, HE INDICATED THAT WHILE THERE WAS NOTHING WRONG WITH COUNTRIES ENTERING INTO AGREEMENTS WITH ARMS SUPPLIERS, PROBLEMS OFTEN AROSE ONCE ARMS WERE DELIVERED TO GOVERNMENTS AND THUS PASSED OUT OF SUPPLIERS' CONTROL. HE CITED SOUTH AFRICA AS CASE WHERE WEST HAD PROVIDED ARMS FOR USE AGAINST EXTERNAL THREATS BUT SAG HAS USED INSTEAD TO CRUSH DOMESTIC OPPOSITION.

5. RELOCATION OF OAU HEADQUARTERS: THIS IS NOT ON AGENDA FOR LOME MEETING, GODWYLL SAID, BUT MAY WELL BE DISCUSSED. THE REALITY IS, HE ADDED, THAT MANY OAU DIPLOMATS DO NOT RPT NOT FEEL SAFE NOW IN ADDIS. ASKED WHETHER GHANA WANTED OAU TO RELOCATE TO ACCRA (WHERE IT COULD BE HOUSED IN HUGH CONFERENCE CENTER ORIGINALLY BUILT BY NKRUMAH FOR JUST THIS PURPOSE), HE SAID THIS HAS BEEN DISCUSSED BY GOG AND IMPLIED GOVERNMENT FAVORED IDEA. HOWEVER, HE NOTED, FIRST STEP WAS FOR OAU TO DECIDE WHETHER TO MOVE HEADQUARTERS. ONCE THIS DONE, QUESTION OF WHERE TO RELOCATE COULD BE ADDRESSED.

6. LOME MEETING: GODWYLL SAID WHILE THIS IS CHIEFLY A BUDGETARY SESSION, GHANA AND OTHER PARTICIPANTS WILL BE KEENLY INTERESTED IN RHODESIAN ISSUE. GHANA WILL CALL FOR INTENSIFICATION OF ARMED STRUGGLE AND FOR UNITY OF ALL LIBERATION GROUPS IN ORDER TO FORCE SMITH OUT QUICKLY. GOG WILL BE REPRESENTED BY COMMISSIONER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS FELLI, BACKED UP BY GODWYLL AND PROBABLY OTHER CONFIDENTIAL

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